**Fourteenth Loksabha**

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**Participants : Dasgupta Shri Gurudas**

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Title : Issue regarding likely increase in prices of Kerosene and cooking gas as announced by the Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech on 15 August, 2006.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA (PANSKURA): Sir, as usual the hon. Prime Minister had addressed the nation yesterday, the 15th August. He had made a long speech explaining the policies and perspectives of the Government. … (*Interruptions*) Sir, what is happening?

MR. SPEAKER: Tell me what I can do.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : He had explained the policy that the Government is pursuing. I am only referring to a particular aspect of the speech that the hon. Prime Minister has made. He said:

> "The price of kerosene and LPG has not been raised. But there is a limit to which we can go on subsidising the consumption of petroleum products in the face of rising import cost. How much more can the Government treasury bear this burden? At some point this will affect our ability to spend on other important development programmes."

Sir, we are deeply distressed by this reference. We feel deeply hurt. This is nothing but a direct suggestion to say that at a future date, which is not very far away, the Government would increase the prices. … (*Interruptions*) Sir, kindly give me two minutes. … (*Interruptions*)

The Government is going to increase the prices of kerosene and cooking gas. … (*Interruptions*) Already the Prime Minister has made a suggestion that there is a relation between the international price and the domestic prices. … (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Sir, kindly give me one minute. … (*Interruptions*) I do not agree with the Prime Minister of the country. … (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2 p.m. Other matters will be taken up later.

**13.02 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch*

*till Fourteen of the Clock.*

**14.05 hrs.**

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*The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at five minutes*

*past Fourteen of the Clock.*

( Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)

**14.05 hrs.**

## MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, the House will take up Item No.4 – Matters under Rule 377. If the hon. Members of the House agree, मैं चाहता हूं कि 377 ले करा दिया जाए।

**श्री थावरचंद गेहलोत (शाजापुर)** : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, हमें कभी-कभी इस पर बोलने का अवसर मिलता है।

… (*Interruptions*)

**उपाध्यक्ष महोदय :** ठीक है, आप सब इस पर थोड़ा-थोड़ा समय लेना, ज्यादा समय मत लेना।